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Applicants .....	500	1	500	25	208
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Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: Laura Oliven, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### The Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Notice of a Cooperative Agreement with the American Public Health Association

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau announces that it will award a sole source cooperative agreement to the American Public Health Association (APHA).

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to assist, collaboratively with APHA, in the development and dissemination of resource materials relating to the care and treatment of individuals with HIV/AIDS and the prevention of the disease among individuals who are at risk. In addition, this agreement will assist with the training of health professionals in the care, treatment, and prevention of HIV/AIDS. Specifically, these activities will include, but not be limited to, identifying areas where best practice standards need to be investigated and developed; identifying and developing science expertise in areas agreed to by HRSA as critical to the appropriate delivery of HIV/AIDS care; using that expertise to develop best practices; and disseminating to the public health community information on best practices.

HRSA will provide consultation, including administrative and technical assistance as needed, for the execution

and evaluation of all aspects of this cooperative agreement. HRSA may also participate and/or collaborate with the APHA in any workshops or symposia to exchange current information, opinions, and research findings during this agreement.

The goal of HRSA in entering into this cooperative agreement is to strengthen effective HIV/AIDS treatment programs at all levels throughout the United States and its territories; to prevent HIV transmission and effect, maintain, measure, and evaluate behavioral change among individuals whose behavior places them at risk of HIV infection; to reduce risks of further transmission and to maintain the health of asymptomatic clients; and to increase collaboration, support and technical competence among agencies, organizations, groups, and constituencies.

#### Authorizing Legislation

This cooperative agreement is authorized under Section 2692 of the Public Health Service Act.

#### Background

Assistance will be provided to the American Public Health Association. No other applications are solicited. The HIV/AIDS Bureau is committed to providing program expertise throughout the nation to ensure that the providers of HIV/AIDS services to underserved and vulnerable populations deliver appropriate and quality care. The Bureau believes that APHA is uniquely qualified to work with HRSA to meet this goal for the following reasons:

1. APHA has more than 50,000 members and affiliates from 50 occupations of public health, including medicine, social work, nursing, health education, epidemiology, and program evaluation. It represents all disciplines and specialties of public health. It stimulates and coordinates the development of the scientific basis for the Association's professional and public health policy programs. The development of a public health HIV/AIDS science and service delivery assistance program with APHA automatically covers all relevant disciplines and specialties needed for this effort. Because of the rapidly

changing field of HIV/AIDS service delivery, it is impossible to predict which expertise will be needed of the 50 public health occupations.

2. The mission of this organization is to "prevent disease and promote health" throughout the United States making APHA a national leader. APHA has a history of providing science expertise to develop best practices for the delivery of public health programs, including HIV/AIDS services. Currently, it provides professional education and services for its members in a variety of areas. The APHA has valuable experience with issues important to the delivery of HIV/AIDS care—health care in jails and prisons, outreach to underserved groups, women's health, and primary health care delivery in community settings. This experience enables the APHA to contribute significantly to this effort. APHA can identify areas needing best practices, identify experts in these areas, and assign individual experts and groups to develop best practices.

3. APHA has established relationships with the major associations that represent single public health disciplines, such as the American Medical Association, and associations that represent health profession schools, such as the Association of Schools of Public Health. It can use these ties to further identify needed experts in the HIV/AIDS service field.

Approximately \$100,000 is available in fiscal year 1997 for the first year of a 3-year project period for this cooperative agreement. Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

#### Where To Obtain Additional Information

If you are interested in obtaining additional information regarding this project, contact Mr. William Aspden, HIV/AIDS Bureau, HRSA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 7-05, Rockville, Maryland 20857 or telephone (301) 443-1993.

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